

## New York Times News Quiz – Sept.15, 2023

- 1) The earthquake that devastated southwestern Morocco last week, killing thousands of people, had a magnitude of at least 6.8. The disaster was the deadliest earthquake in Morocco since a 5.9-magnitude quake in 1960 devastated the coastal city of Agadir, killed at least 12,000 people and left thousands homeless.
- 2) Torrential rain from Storm Daniel, which swept across the Mediterranean Sea, caused two dams to burst in Derna, Libya. Officials said a third dam, located between Derna and Benghazi, another coastal city, was also on the brink of collapse.
- 3) The U.S. government began a major antitrust case this week against Google. The trial is the first monopoly case of the modern internet era — the last, against Microsoft, went to trial in 1998.
- 4) Kim Jong-un, North Korea's leader, made his first trip outside his home country in years to meet with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. He traveled aboard a massive, bulletproof train. His father and grandfather, who ruled North Korea before him, used the same method when visiting China, Russia or the former Soviet Union.
- 5) The C.D.C. recommended this week that all Americans 6 months and older receive at least one dose of the latest Covid shots, which were reformulated for the most recent variants.
- 6) Aaron Rodgers's move to the New York Jets was one of the biggest stories of the young N.F.L. season. But Rodgers tore his Achilles' tendon on his first drive with the Jets and will miss the rest of the season. Jets fans, who believed their favorite team might compete for its first Super Bowl in a half-century, did not take the news well.
- 7) As a deadline to fund the federal government and avert a shutdown looms, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy opened an impeachment inquiry into President Biden,

accusing Biden of “a culture of corruption.” McCarthy is trying to appease far-right lawmakers who have threatened to oust him. Republicans have so far failed to find evidence of any wrongdoing by Biden.

8) The police this week captured a convicted killer who had escaped from a Pennsylvania prison who had been on the run for 13 days. After nearly two weeks of combing Chester County, Pa., law enforcement officers — with drones, dogs and helicopters — captured Danelo Cavalcante on the morning of Sept. 13.

9) The poverty rate more than doubled among children in the U.S. last year, as prices rose and federal aid programs expired. After two years of big declines, poverty spiked last year as safety net programs that were created or expanded during the pandemic ended.

10) Drew Barrymore was dropped this week as the host of the National Book Awards ceremony, after she resumed her talk show despite the ongoing writers’ strike. The National Book Foundation said the decision was made to ensure “the focus of the awards remains on celebrating writers and books.”

11) Mitt Romney, a Utah Republican senator and prominent Donald Trump critic, announced this week that he would not seek re-election. He cited his age as a major factor in his decision, and suggested that Trump, 77, and President Biden, 80, should also step aside for “a new generation of leaders.”